


Remarks

Applicants respectfully submit that no prohibited new matter has been introduced by this Preliminary Amendment and that claims 6 to 18 are drawn to the same invention as claims 1 to 5 of International Application PCT/FR03/00903. The changes to the claims were made to bring the claims into compliance with US rules, such as, elimination of multiply dependent claims, including improper multiple dependencies (see claims 3 and 4) the re-phrasing of claims 1-4 which were drafted as "use" claims; the use of established claim terminology such as, "comprising" and "selected from the group consisting of" (see all of the original claims) and to set forth additional embodiments in new dependent claims. These changes do not narrow the claimed subject matter presented and examined in the corresponding International Application.

Applicants respectfully request favorable consideration of the pending claims and early indication of allowability.

Respectfully submitted,

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